

## **Bottcher, Helen**

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**Subject:** water use concern at Wyckoff Superfund Site

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Dear Ms. Bottcher,

I am a neighbor of the Bainbridge Island Wyckoff superfund site. I have lived up the street at (b) (6) or 39 years. On our end of (b) (6), the end closest to Eagle Harbor, we are all on individual wells as there is no water system here yet.

My understanding is that the previous Wyckoff superfund clean-up work used water from a well on the site. At about the same time, the Rockaway Beach neighborhood drilled a well at the foot of Taylor Ave. I'm unclear about whether or not that well is still in use, but I always thought it was ironic that it was (noisily) drilled over many months in our neighborhood, in full view at the foot of our street (blocking our view of the harbor), for water that we couldn't use.

During the time of these two projects, my 80-foot well water supply went from a high of 12 gallons a minute to 2-3 gallons/minute. It has remained at a paltry 2-3 gallons/minute.

Some would say that there is no relation between the water that Wyckoff was drawing, and our well water at 80 feet deep. But no one really understands where our water comes from on the Island, and we in Eagledale (the general area between Port Blakely and Eagle Harbor) have been notorious for low water availability for many decades.

So it concerns me that Wyckoff will begin pumping water for UP TO TEN YEARS at a steady and high rate. Since we don't have a clear understanding of how our underground water moves on Bainbridge, I am worried that our water supply will be further impacted.

Please consider the neighboring residents using well water when you plan to pump well water at high pressures for years to come to clean up the mess.

Thank you,

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